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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee held a meeting on May 16, 2016 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Sandy Elliott, CNM; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh; Leena Paul, MD; Megan Williams, FNP

ABSENT: Delphos Price, CRNA; Manisha Wadhwa, MD

GUESTS: Jill Englund Jensen, DNP, RN, FNP-BC

PRESIDING: Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

STAFF: Peggy Mack, PhD, APRN, Executive Director - Division of Professional Regulation; Jennifer L. Singh, Deputy Attorney General, Delaware Department of Justice

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:56 p.m.

2.0 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the March 21, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Paul moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Elliott; the motion passed unanimously.

3. 0 Old Business

3.1 Review Draft Rules and Regulations

3.1.1. Discuss competencies, benchmarks, and metrics – Ms. Singh discussed the process for publishing new rules and regulations per the Administrative Procedure Act. For the proposed rules and regulations for the APRN Committee, the Board of Nursing needs to vote on the proposed rules and regulations, which would be at its July 13th meeting. The hearings would be in September and then potentially published in the October *Register of Regulations* and take effect potentially on October 11, 2016.

The Committee discussed a broad approach for competencies, benchmarks and metrics. This approach was reinforced at the NCSBN April 5th, 2016 APRN Roundtable meeting by Dr. Williams.

Competencies – The Committee agreed that competencies will be measured by the APRN having national certification and obtaining a collaborative agreement with a provider, who agrees to provide

guidance and feedback on the delivery of patient care within the APRN's population foci. Delivery of patient care includes diagnoses, plans, interventions / treatments, and evaluations of care. Collaborative agreements will be reviewed by the APRN Committee.

Benchmarks – The Committee discussed having a minimum number of cases or a minimum percentage of cases discussed by the collaborator and APRN. The Committee agreed that a minimum percentage would be acceptable.

Dr. Paul and Ms. Holzapfel disagreed on a 10 % minimum and recommended a higher percentage for review of cases between the collaborator and APRN. Ms. Cunningham, Ms. Elliott, and Dr. Williams voted that the minimum be 10%. The collaborator and the APRN will discuss the delivery of patient care for a minimum of 10% of cases over a two year period and 4000 practice hours.

Metrics – The Committee agreed that metrics will be increasing intervals, 50%, 75%, and 95% for agreement between the collaborator and the APRN in the delivery of patient care (diagnoses, plans, interventions / treatments, evaluations), over the time span of at least 2 years and 4,000 hours.

Agreement to competencies, benchmarks, and metrics will be attested by the APRN and the collaborator. The APRN will maintain a practice log.

3.2 Discussion proposed statutory changes

3.2.1. The proposed rules 8.0, *et. seq* were reviewed. 8.14.16 in regards to APRNs signing death certificates was discussed. Ms. Singh will examine the legalities for adding that APRNs can pronounce and sign death certificates. If possible, Ms. Elliott motioned, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, that APRNs be noted to pronounce and sign death certificates; motion was unanimous.

4.0 Other Business

The Committee discussed that they would like to bundle all proposed APRN committee rules and regulations in one submission to the Register of Regulations.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Introduction of new committee member – Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh has joined the APRN committee, as Tejal Patel, RPh has resigned due to work schedule obligations. Dr. Manisha Wadhwa has joined the APRN committee, as Dr. Christopher Martin has resigned, due to relocation to Pennsylvania. Dr. Parise has resigned from the APRN committee due to work schedule obligations. The Board of Medicine will be replacing the physicians' vacancies.

6.0 Public Comment – Dr. Jensen supports the 10% in review of cases between the APRN and collaborator. Encourages the committee's forward movement.

7.0 Next Meeting Date – May 23, 2016, 4:30 pm

8.0 Adjournment – 7:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



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